

Abstract of the Disclosure

Protective nonwoven fabrics effective in protecting articles with sensitive surfaces from damage caused by dust, dirt or other particulate contaminants are disclosed. The protective nonwoven fabric of the present invention which is an electret treated spunbond nonwoven web comprising thermoplastic fibers wherein the nonwoven web is bonded with a pattern having continuous bonded areas defining a plurality of discrete unbonded areas has been discovered to protect sensitive surfaces of articles with sensitive surfaces. The sensitive surface protective materials of the present invention has the ability to capture and entrap dirt, dust and other contaminants and prevent the redepositing of these contaminants onto the sensitive surfaces. The material is disclosed as being useful for preparing sleeves for holding and storing articles with sensitive surfaces, for example, compact disc.

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